

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:33 p.m., at the Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hamden, Connecticut.

Members Present

Thomas J. Rechen, Esq., **Chair**

Carl Eisenmann, Esq.

Monsignor William A. Genuario

Aimee Golbert, LCSW

Honorable Elpedio N. Vitale

Others Present

Brian S. Carlow, Deputy Chief Public Defender

Nancy M. Roberts, Director of Human Resources

Deborah Del Prete Sullivan, Legal Counsel, Director

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2013 meeting.

A discussion took place regarding some correspondence that was received and addressed to the Chair.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:35 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 5:25 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the appointment of Franca Parra-Polimeni to the position of Social Worker I, Geographical Area 15 (New Britain).

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the appointment of Cloressa M. Goldson to the position of Public Defender Secretary, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven).

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the appointment of Comfort Magba-Kamara to the position of Public Defender Clerk, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven).

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the reclassification of William Ian Dodds to the position of Senior Case Analyst, Connecticut Innocence Project/Post Conviction Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Rocky Hill, retroactive to September 6, 2013.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:28 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-210(b)(10) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 5:40 p.m.

The Deputy Chief Public Defender discussed the attorney reappointments.

The Deputy Chief Public Defender further discussed the permanent statuses.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to reappoint the following attorneys to a new four-year term: Assistant Public Defender, Abra Rice, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), expiring on 8/12/17; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Adele Patterson, Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hamden, expiring on 8/22/17; Assistant Public Defender, Kathleen M. Murphy, Hartford Juvenile Matters, expiring on 9/2/17; Assistant Public Defender, Robert Famiglietti, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford), expiring on 9/9/17; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Joseph F. Segal, Geographical Area 10 (New London), expiring on 9/9/17; Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Alix C. Walmsley, Geographical Area 21 (Norwich), expiring on 9/9/17; Assistant Public Defender, Melissa Toddy, Habeas Corpus Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Rocky Hill, expiring on 9/16/17; and Public Defender, Joseph G. Bruckmann, Fairfield Judicial District, expiring on 9/24/17.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Investigator II, Catherine M. Harkness, Waterbury Judicial District; Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Karen S. Hardy-Massaró, Waterbury Juvenile Matters; and Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Peter J. Matthews, Jr., Geographical Area 17 (Bristol), upon the successful completion of their probationary period.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the schedule of invoices as submitted to the Commission.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the Authorizations to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission.

The Deputy Chief Public Defender discussed the outside employment requests.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:50 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Public Defender, Claudia D. Jones, Windham Judicial District/ Geographical Area 11.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Assistant Public Defender, James M. Lamontagne, Geographical Area 20 (Norwalk).

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Senior

Assistant Public Defender, Beth A. Merkin, New Haven Judicial District.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Assistant Public Defender, James B. Streeto, Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hamden.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow
Deputy Chief Public Defender